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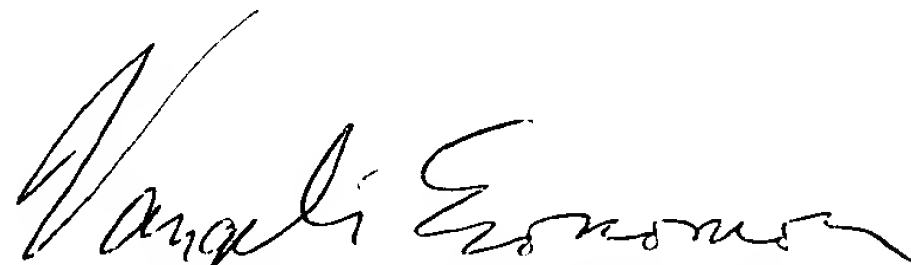
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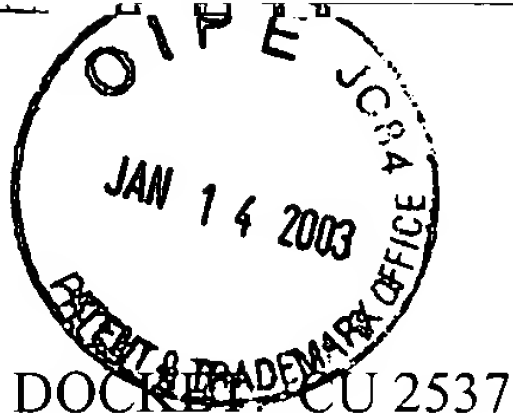
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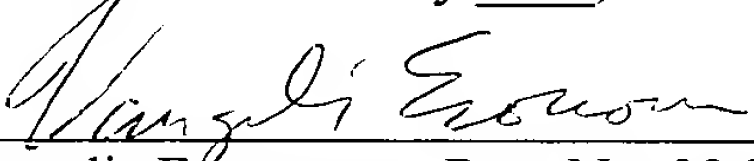
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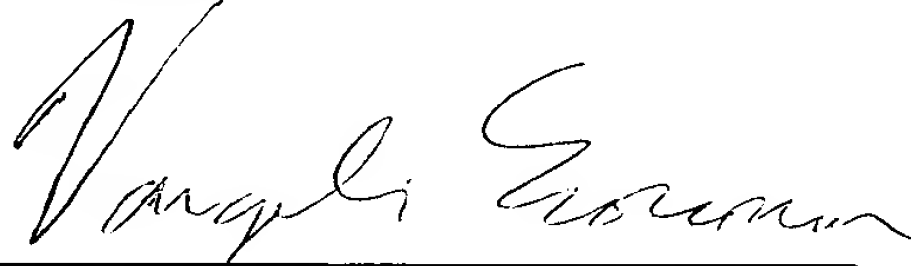
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2. That the European Patent Office communicated the information to applicant's foreign representative in a communication dated December 26, 2002 in the pending counterpart EPO Application No. 0096 1034. A copy of that communication is attached to the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement.

3. The Applicant's undersigned representative became aware of the documents and information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement upon receipt of copies thereof being enclosed in a letter dated January 8, 2003, received from Applicant's foreign representative. Submission of the information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement to the United States Patent and Trademark Office was undertaken as soon as was practicable thereafter.

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